

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

New claim 24 finds support in claim 2 initially filed and on page 3, lines 13-22, and new claims 25 and 30 find support on page 6, lines 25-26 and page 9, lines 13-15.

New claim 26 finds support on page 4, lines 13-19 and new claim 27 finds support on page 4, lines 20-24.

New claim 28 finds support on page 5, lines 6-12, and new claim 29 finds support on page 4, lines 2-3.

Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 have been rejected.

Claims 19 and 20 have been amended.

Claim 21 has been kept unchanged.

Claims 24-30 have been filed.

Claims 19-21 and 24-30 are pending in the application.

An Associate Power of Attorney and a new abstract are herewith enclosed.

Amended claim 19 finds support on page 8, lines 3-12, page 6, lines 9 and 14 and page 5, lines 15-26.

The rejection of claims 20 and 21, under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention which applicant regards as his invention, is respectfully traversed and is addressed in light of the comments below.

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Claim 20 and claim 21 dependent thereon, have been amended in order to recite the organozinc compound in the body of the claim.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 20 and 21, under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention which applicant regards as his invention.

The rejection of claim 19, under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by JP 56-5541, is respectfully traversed and is addressed in light of the comments below.

JP 56-5541 teaches the preparation of a photosensitive heat-sensitive layer of an image forming recording member. That layer, which is a solid material, is formed by drying a mixture of a photo-reducing agent, a cobalt complex, polyethylene glycol, zinc oxide, said mixture being dispersed or dissolved in a solvent.

JP 56-5541 does not teach that the solvent has to be a polar and aprotic solvent of a cobalt and of a zinc salt, and not a simple dispersing agent of said salts.

Moreover, JP 56-5541 teaches the use of zinc oxide which is not a salt and which is not soluble in solvents. JP 56-5541 does not teach that the mixture has to be conductive in order to be subjected to an electrolysis process.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 19, under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by JP 56-5541.

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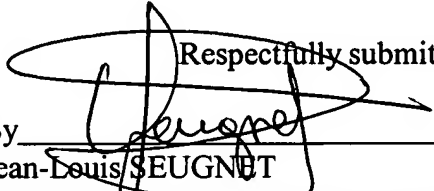
In view of the preceding remarks, it is asserted that the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (609) 860-4180.

A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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